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**ASSEMBLY BILL 2131 - CHILD WELFARE FUNDING**

In August 2009, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger unilaterally cut \$80 million dollars to child welfare programs throughout the state putting thousands of foster children and other at-risk youth in severe danger. The Title IV-E Waiver counties received \$19 million dollars in cuts, with Los Angeles County losing \$17 million dollars in child welfare funding. These cuts have left an already seriously under-funded child protection system in dire straights.

On February 18, 2010, Assembly Member Karen Bass introduced Assembly Bill 2131, which seeks to restore \$80 million dollars in funding for child welfare services. During this tentative economic climate, the restoration of these funds is imperative for at-risk children. It will supplement efforts that allow Los Angeles County to move forward in the flexible use of IV-E Waiver funds to improve outcomes for children and families; and continue to build upon successful system improvements already underway among County Departments and our community partners.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors support AB 2131; and direct the Chief Executive Officer and Department of Children and Family Services, in conjunction with the County Welfare Directors Association, to support efforts to ensure passage of this bill.

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